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SUBJECT: PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN SRI LANKA HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE

REF: COLOMBO 2419 (NOTAL)

1. PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN SRI LANKA MOHAMED ABDUL ADEL
HELD MAIDEN PRESS CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO ON JULY 26.
ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS,ADEL ISSUED STATEMENT WHICH
APPEARS TO BE STANDARD PLO RHETORIC. AS QUOTED IN PRESS,
STATEMENT IS STRONGLY ANTI-ZIONIST, ANTI-WEST, ANTI-
WESTERN PRESS, AND MAINTAINS THE STATE OF ISRAEL IS ILLEGAL.

2. ANSWERING QUESTIONS, ADEL REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE
PLO WILL APPEAL TO ALL COUNTIRES IN THE THIRD WORLD, PARTICULARLY
THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS
OF ALL KINDS AGAINST THE ZIONIST ENTITY. (REPORTS INDICATE
ADEL CAREFULLY DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN ZIONISTS AND JEWS WHO
HE DESCRIBED AS "OUR BROTHERS AND COUSINS".) ADEL IS ALSO
QUOTED AS SAYING YASSER ARAFAT WOULD ATTEND THE
FORTHCOMING NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IF THE MIDDLE EAST
SITUATION PERMITTED.

3. ON LEBANESE SITUATION, ADEL, ACCORDING TO PRESS,
SAID IT WAS THE RESULT OF A CONSPIRACY BY ZIONISTS AND
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IMPERIALISTS TO CRIPPLE THE FIGHTERS OF THE PALESTINE

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CAUSE AND THE PLO HAD CONCRETEEVIDENCE TO PROVE THIS
POINT.

4. SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN COLOMBO JULY 6, ADEL HAS BEEN
EMBRACED BY ELEMENTS OF THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY WHICH HAVE
BEEN SPONSORING SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS BY HIM.
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